# **USDA Child Nutrition Programs Administrative Review Summary Report**

School Food Authority: Luxemburg-Casco School District Agency Code: 31-3220

School(s) Reviewed: Luxemburg-Casco Primary School

Review Date(s): 2/27/17-3/1/17 Date of Exit Conference: 3/1/17

State agencies (SA) are required to conduct administrative reviews to assess School Food Authority (SFA)'s administration of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), and other school nutrition programs. The objectives of the Administrative Reviews are to:

- Determine whether the SFA meets program regulations,
- Provide technical assistance,
- Secure needed corrective action,
- Assess fiscal action, and when applicable, recover improperly paid funds.

# **General Program Reminders/Updates**

- The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) School Nutrition Team (SNT) conducts School Nutrition Skills Development Courses (SNSDC) each summer in various locations around the state at no charge. Courses cover many areas of the school nutrition programs including administrative responsibilities, program basics, meal pattern requirements and menu planning, financial management, professional standards, procurement, and many other topics. More information along with other upcoming trainings and webinars can be found on the <a href="DPI SNT">DPI SNT</a> webpage.
- SFA staff are encouraged to pursue GOALS Certification. GOALS stands for Goal Oriented Achievement Learning Skills. This is a certificate endorsed by the DPI and is obtained by completing training in nutrition, program administration and operations, and communications and marketing. For more information go to the DPI SNT GOALS webpage.
- SFAs are required to have a local meal charge policy in place no later than July 1, 2017. More information, resources, and best practices may be found on the <u>DPI SNT Financial</u> <u>Management webpage</u> under *Unpaid Meal Charges* section.

# **Appreciation**

Thank you to the staff at Luxemburg-Casco School District for the courtesies extended to us during the on-site review. Thank you for taking the time to respond to the off-site questions as well as pulling records for the on-site portion of the review, being available for in-person questions and for providing additional information when requested. All were very receptive to recommendations and guidance. It was truly a pleasure visiting the Luxemburg-Casco School District.

# **REVIEW AREAS**

#### 1. MEAL ACCESS AND REIMBURSEMENT

#### **Certification and Benefit Issuance**

198 eligibility determinations were reviewed, 5 errors were identified. 3 additional applications were recorded for further clarification on household number. Please see the *Finding* and *Corrective Action* below that addresses these errors.

# **Applications**

When benefit status increases to a greater benefit, the change must take place within 3 days. When benefit status decreases to a lower benefit, the change cannot take place before 10 calendar days and a notice of adverse action must be sent in writing with appeal procedures.

Applications are to be processed at face value if the Determining Official (DO) is confident in the clarity of the information provided. The DO should follow up with information on any application that is not clear in order to process the application correctly.

#### Household Size Box

If the Total Household Members box has been completed, but the number of children and adults listed on the application add up to a different number, the SFA is required to follow up with the household to clarify the correct number of people in the household and ensure all household member have been included on the application before an eligibility determination is made.

If the Total Household Members box has not been completed, the SFA is required to follow up with the household to confirm the total number of household members. It cannot be assumed that the number of people listed on the application is the total number of household members. This box has been added as an edit check to ensure all members of the household are included and can make a difference in the eligibility determination. Per clarification from the USDA Regional office, any application that does not have this box completed is considered an incomplete application.

#### Annual Income

If the household provided only annual income, the SFA **must** follow up with the household to ensure that the amount is an accurate reflection of the household's current income. Per the Eligibility Manual, annual income should be reported for farmers and self-employed businesses. Other employed household members should report their current income.

## Other Source Categorical

If a household submits an application that indicates Other Source Categorical Eligibility, such as homeless, migrant, or runaway, the SFA must confirm the children's status by an appropriate program official either through direct contact with the agency or by a list of names provided by the agency, before meal benefits can be provided. Once confirmed, this eligibility is only available to the designated child and is not extended to other members of the household.

Applications that indicate a child is a foster child are categorically eligible for free meals. The child's status for free meals does not require confirmation of eligibility prior to receiving benefits. This benefit is not extended to other household members.

#### Disclosure

SFAs must seek written consent from the household to use information provided on the meal application or through DC for non-food service program purposes, such as athletic or testing fee waivers. Consent must be obtained each school year. A template <a href="Sharing Information Form">Sharing Information Form</a> is located on the DPI SNT Free and Reduced Meal Applications and Eligibility webpage.

Alternatively, a SFA can ask programs requesting benefit information to have households self-disclose by providing a copy of their <u>Letter to Households of Approval/Denial of Benefit</u> notification letter. This option is encouraged as it reduces administrative recordkeeping for the SFA.

A <u>Disclosure Agreement</u> form should be signed and on file at the SFA for anyone receiving eligibility information to approve students for non-food service program benefits or with access to the meal benefit information, such as building secretaries. This form can be found on the <u>DPI SNT Free and Reduced Meal Applications and Eligibility webpage.</u> The SFA is highly encouraged to work with their software system to ensure access to meal benefit information is only available to those with a 'need to know' reason.

# Effective Date of Eligibility

SFAs may establish the date of submission of an application as the effective date of eligibility, rather than the date the application is received if a process is in place to capture when the application is received. This flexibility applies only to complete applications containing all required information. Incomplete applications can only start once all data has been obtained to make it a complete application. See SP 11-2014 for more information. The DPI SNT must be contacted prior to implementing this flexibility for approval. Contact Karrie Isaacson at <a href="mailto:karrie.isaacson@dpi.wi.gov">karrie.isaacson@dpi.wi.gov</a> for more information and approval.

Discussions were done onsite with district bookkeeper to enter application eligibility as opposed to each building secretaries. The district is encouraged to work with their software systems if lunch specific webinars are available for further trainings.

# <u>Limited English Proficiency (LEP)</u>

Application materials and other communications with households concerning eligibility determinations must be provided in a language that parents or guardians can understand in order to diminish any language barriers to participation for individuals with limited English proficiency.

To assist SFAs in reaching households with limited English proficiency, the DPI SNT provides the Wisconsin-ized version of the USDA Free and Reduced Price Meal application materials in English, Spanish, Hmong and Albanian on the <a href="DPI SNT Free and Reduced Price Meal">DPI SNT Free and Reduced Price Meal</a> Applications and Eligibility webpage.

#### Verification

The SFA completed verification within the designated timeframes. The appropriate number of applications were selected for verification based on Standard Sampling and one application was

pulled for verification for cause. Documentation indicated a confirmation review took place by the Confirming Official (CO). As a reminder, SFA should follow up with the household regarding payment frequency if it appears unclear. Additionally, discussion done onsite to have SFA follow up with their software company to see if there is a verification process portal available to complete the Verification Collection Report.

# **Meal Counting and Claiming**

Lunch was observed on Monday, February 27. All students received reimbursable meals. The January 2017 claims for reimbursement for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) were reviewed and validated. No errors were identified.

## Findings and Corrective Action Required

<u>Finding #1</u>: Child income was not calculated when determining eligibility for application coded A1 and A2, noted on the SFA-1 form.

<u>Corrective Action Required</u>: SFA must send an adverse action letter to the household showing a decrease in benefit. Please submit a copy of the adverse action letter sent to household. Complete the column: Date of Correction on the above mentioned Error Worksheet. Please submit worksheet back to reviewer. Be sure to update the benefit issuance list.

<u>Finding #2</u>: Income documentation was submitted with application coded B1, B2, and B3. Net income instead of gross income was used to determined eligibility.

<u>Corrective Action Required</u>: SFA must send an adverse action letter to the household showing a decrease in benefit. Please submit a copy of the adverse action letter sent to household. Complete the column: Date of Correction on the above mentioned Error Worksheet. Please submit worksheet back to reviewer. Be sure to update the benefit issuance list.

# 2. MEAL PATTERN AND NUTRITIONAL QUALITY

## **Commendations and Appreciations**

Sincere thanks to the Food Service Director of the Luxemburg-Casco School District. We appreciate the time and efforts spent preparing for and participating in the administrative review. The Food Service Director is well-organized, highly responsive, and thorough. Congratulations on a perfect lunch review week! There were no shortages or missing components, and all required documentation was provided.

## **Technical Assistance and Program Requirement Reminders**

# **Production Records**

All sections of the production record must be filled in completely each day. Planned # of Servings, Total Planned Quantity, and Actual Quantity Prepared were frequently left blank. Daily production records show portion sizes of meal components were appropriately planned and served. Please continue to work with all staff members to record planned usage, actual usage, and leftovers.

## **Mixed Vegetables**

If using a mixed vegetable product that contains vegetables from the dark green, red orange, beans and peas (legumes) or other subgroups, the mix credits toward the other subgroup. However, if you are using a mixed vegetable product that contains vegetables from the starchy subgroup, such as water chestnuts, then this mix counts as additional vegetables. This means the mix counts toward daily and weekly minimum requirements, but is cannot credit towards a specific subgroup.

#### 3. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

#### **Nonprofit School Food Service Account**

Access to the SFA's Child Nutrition Report, which provides a compilation of meals claimed, reported revenues and expenditures, amount of federal reimbursement received and per meal costs for lunch and breakfast, is described in the document <a href="Viewing the Child Nutrition Report">Viewing the Child Nutrition Report</a>. The DPI Aids Register is also available to track all program deposits made to the SFA's account as well as the amount deducted from reimbursement to pay for shipping, handling and processing costs of USDA Foods. The Aids Register is available on the DPI SNT <a href="Financial Management webpage">Financial Management webpage</a>. Both resources are also accessible from the <a href="Online Services webpage">Online Services webpage</a>.

# **Annual Financial Report**

In SY 16-17, all revenues including reimbursements and student payments and expenses including food, labor, equipment, purchased services, and other need to be entered into the program to which they belong. Please note there are additional categories than in previous years:

- o **NSL** schools participating in the National School Lunch Program.
- o SB, SBSEVERE both regular School Breakfast and Severe Need Breakfast.
- o SK-NSL, SK-NSLAE both After School Snacks and Area Eligible Afterschool Snacks.
- o **SMP** Special Milk Program.
- o **Grants** all grant awards and expenditures.
- o **WSDMP** Wisconsin School Day Milk Program.
- o **EN** Elderly Nutrition.
- Nonprogram Foods all Nonprogram Foods (including: a la carte items, adult meals, milk only, extra entrees, vended meals sold under a joint agreement, catered meals, vending machines, etc.)
- o CACFP daycare and supper meals claimed under Child and Adult Care Food Program.
- o **SFSP** meals claimed in Summer Food Service Program.

The <u>new SY 16-17 Annual Financial Report instructions</u> are located on <u>DPI SNT Financial</u> Management webpage.

USDA Policy Memorandum SP 46-2016 requires all SFAs operating federal school meal programs, by July 1, 2017, to have a written and clearly communicated policy that addresses unpaid meal charges. For a snap-shot on what the policy must include, see the <u>Unpaid Meal Charges In a "Nutshell"</u>. For a more comprehensive overview, see <u>SP 58-2016: Unpaid Meal Charges Guidance</u>. In addition, bad debt is an unallowable expense to the food service program. A transfer must be made from non-federal funds to cover student account write-offs, as noted in <u>SP57-2016 Unpaid Meal Charges Guidance</u>. The current district's policy was reviewed and commended for having a well communicated procedure to households. Further guidance will be provided for reimbursement to graduated or withdrawn students with benefit status of free and reduced at a later time.

Currently, SFA does an alternative meal (PB&J sandwich and fruit) for primary and intermediate

students with negative meal balances. Thus far, one alternative meal has been provided. The meals are not being charged or claimed by foodservice. Technical assistance provided to Foodservice Director that if alternative meal is not being claimed or charged, the meal cannot be absorbed by the nonprofit food service account.

# **Paid Lunch Equity (PLE)**

The SFA is in compliance with PLE.

# **Revenue from Nonprogram Foods**

The SFA flagged for a comprehensive resource management review in the *Revenue from Nonprogram Foods* section as it sells nonprogram foods.

Nonprogram foods include:

- Adult Meals
- A la Carte
- Extra Entrees
- Extra Milk (for cold lunch or milk break),
- Internal Catered Meals

All nonprogram food costs including food, labor, equipment, purchased services, and other must be covered by revenues received from the sale of those foods. Nonprogram foods may not be supported by reimbursable meals nor be absorbed by the food service account. Nonprogram food costs and revenues must be separated from program food costs and revenues. In regards to adult meals, food service programs must price adult meals above the overall cost of the meals. Since adult meal costs can be difficult to calculate, SFAs must, at a minimum, follow the **minimum** pricing guidelines in Food Nutrition Services Instruction 782-5, which are outlined in the *Wisconsin Adult Meal Pricing Worksheet*. SFAs must reassess adult meal prices annually prior to contract submission to ensure student reimbursement is not being used to subsidize adult meals.

At a minimum, the <u>USDA Nonprogram Food Revenue Tool</u> must be completed yearly. The <u>DPI Nonprogram Food Revenue Tool/Calculator</u> aids in calculating prices of nonprogram foods and feeds into the USDA Nonprogram Food Revenue Tool to determine compliance with USDA nonprogram food regulations.

To complete the USDA Nonprogram Food Revenue Tool, the SFA must select a reference period of at least 5 consecutive operating days of a regular school week, and compare the reference period revenue ratio to the food cost ratio for the entire SFA to determine if the revenue ratio is equal to or greater than the food cost ratio (see Figure 1 below). Rather than separating all costs for the entire year (although recommended), SFAs must separate their non-program food costs from their program food costs for the selected period to complete the Tool. If the revenue ratio is equal to or greater than the food cost ratio, the SFA is in compliance.

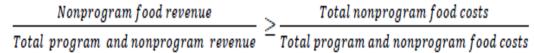


Figure 1 - Nonprogram Foods Revenue and Costs Ratio

Nonprogram food revenue is the dollar amount of nonprogram food sales sold through the nonprofit school food service account including la carte sales, adult meals, vending machines,

extra/cold lunch milks, etc. Total program and nonprogram revenue includes the dollar amount from program and nonprogram food sales.

If using the DPI Nonprogram Food Revenue Tool/Calculator to complete the USDA Nonprogram Food Revenue Tool (recommended), to determine nonprogram food cost data, gather an itemization of all nonprogram foods offered during the selected reference period and enter the per item raw food cost of each nonprogram food and the number of servings/items sold in the selected reference period.

For total program and nonprogram food costs, include all program and nonprogram food costs. Program food costs data should be available using production records, invoices, etc.

The Nonprogram Foods Revenue Rule SP 20-2016 and the Nonprogram Foods In a 'Nutshell' can provide additional guidance and clarification on nonprogram foods.

The SFA flagged for a *Comprehensive Review* for nonprogram foods as it sells nonprogram foods. The USDA Nonprogram Food Revenue Tool was not completed by the SFA. Please see the *Finding* and *Corrective Action* below that addresses this issue.

<u>Finding #3</u>: The USDA Nonprogram Food Revenue Tool was not completed by the SFA. Technical assistance was provided during the on-site to the Food Service Director.

<u>Corrective Action Required</u>: Please submit a completed USDA Nonprogram Food Revenue Tool. If the Tool comes out in the red, requiring *Additional Revenue to Comply*, please submit a plan going forward for how the SFA will comply with the shortfall (i.e. raise nonprogram food prices and/or contribute non-federal funds to meet the required ratio.

# 4. GENERAL PROGRAM COMPLIANCE

#### **Civil Rights**

#### Non-discrimination Statement

The SFA uses template letters from DPI which contains the required information for approval and denial of benefits. As a reminder, if the SFA develops or uses template letters from their software system, the documents should contain all of the information included on the DPI template letters including the full USDA Non-discrimination statement, which is available on the DPI SNT <u>Civil Rights webpage</u>. When space is limited, such as on printed menus, the abbreviated statement may be used, "This institution is an equal opportunity provider." Both statements should be in the same size font as the other text in the document.

#### And Justice for All Poster

An "And Justice for All" poster was available and readable in the cafeteria.

#### Civil Rights Training

Civil rights training had been completed and documentation was available for review.

## Civil Rights Self-Compliance Form

The Civil Rights Self-Evaluation Compliance form was completed timely on October 31st.

#### Special Dietary Needs

All food substitutions made outside of the meal pattern requirements must be supported by a signed medical statement from a licensed medical practitioner. SFAs may use the <u>template</u> <u>Dietary Request Form</u> posted on the <u>DPI SNT Special Dietary Needs webpage</u>. This template is also available in Spanish and Hmong. SFAs must accommodate dietary requests that are supported by a signed medical statement from a licensed medical practitioner.

School food service staff may make food substitutions, at their discretion, for children for whom they do not have a signed medical statement from a licensed medical practitioner. It is highly recommended that the SFA still have a completed Dietary Request Form on file from a medical authority, such as a school nurse, to support the request. These types of accommodations must be made according to the USDA's meal pattern requirements in order for the meals to be claimed for reimbursement. It is recommended that the SFA develop a policy for handling these types of accommodations to ensure that requests are being handled equitably.

## Processes for complaints

Schools must have a process for receiving and processing complaints alleging discrimination within USDA Child Nutrition Programs. All verbal or written civil rights complaints regarding the school nutrition programs that are filed with the SFA must be forwarded to the Civil Rights Division of USDA Food and Nutrition Service within 3 days. A SFA may always attempt to resolve a situation that is occurring in real time. However, if an individual states that they wish to file a civil rights complaint, the SFA must provide them with the information necessary to do so and not impede an individual's right to file. The <a href="USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form">USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form</a> is available to assist in filing these complaints and can be found on the <a href="DPI SNT Civil Rights">DPI SNT Civil Rights</a> webpage.

## **Local Wellness Policy (LWP)**

The local wellness policy requirement was established by the Child Nutrition and Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Reauthorization Act of 2004 and further strengthened by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (HHFKA). The final rule requires School Food Authorities (SFAs) to begin developing a revised local school wellness policy during School Year 2016-2017 and full compliance with the requirements of the final rule by June 30, 2017.

At a minimum, SFAs must permit participation by the general public and the school community including parents, students, and representatives of the school food authority, teachers of physical education, school health professionals, the school board, and school administrators in the wellness policy process. In addition, SFAs must designate one or more school officials to ensure each school complies with the policy.

## At a minimum the wellness policy must include:

 Specific goals for nutrition promotion and education, physical activity, and other schoolbased activities that promote student wellness. SFAs are required to review and consider evidence-based strategies in determining these goals.

- Standards and nutrition guidelines for all foods and beverages sold to students on the school campus during the school day that are consistent with Federal regulations for school meal nutrition standards and the Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards.
- Standards for all foods and beverages provided, but not sold, to students during the school day.
- Policies for food and beverage marketing that allow marketing and advertising of only those foods and beverages that meet the Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards.
- Description of public involvement, public updates, policy leadership, and evaluation plan.

SFAs must complete an assessment of the policy every three years (triennial assessment) to determine compliance with the policy, how the policy compares to model policies, and process made in attaining the goals of the wellness policy. SFAs must make the triennial assessment, as well as the wellness policy and any updates to the policy, available to the public.

A summary of the requirements can be found at:

http://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/tn/LWPsummary\_finalrule.pdf. USDA Food and Nutrition Service has information on the local school wellness policy process and wellness policy elements at: <a href="https://healthymeals.nal.usda.gov/school-wellness-resources">https://healthymeals.nal.usda.gov/school-wellness-resources</a>. Wisconsin Team Nutrition has several wellness policy resources available including a toolkit, a wellness policy builder, and wellness policy report card at: <a href="http://dpi.wi.gov/school-nutrition/wellness-policy">http://dpi.wi.gov/school-nutrition/wellness-policy</a>.

The SFA's Local Wellness Policy (LWP) was reviewed and the SFA is reminded of the following:

- SFAs are required to adhere to school meal regulations and include language related to this in the written policy.
- Food and beverage marketing guidelines should be included in the LWP.
- The LWP should contain language regarding Smart Snack Standards and foods provided but not sold (e.g., class parties, class snacks, rewards/incentives).
- SFAs must include, at minimum, one goal for Nutrition Promotion in the LWP. SFAs must explore the use of evidenced based strategies when identifying goals. Specifically, SFAs must review and consider using "Smarter Lunchroom" tools and strategies.

#### **On-site Monitoring**

As discussed onsite, the <u>National School Lunch Program On-site Monitoring Form</u> has been updated and available on the <u>DPI SNT Administrative Review webpage</u>.

Lunch monitoring forms were available for all schools in the District.

#### **Professional Standards**

The Professional Standards regulations in 7 CFR 210.30 established hiring standards for new school nutrition program directors, hired on or after July 1, 2015, that manage and operate the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs. In addition, the regulations established annual training standards for all school nutrition program directors, managers, and staff which must be tracked. Annual training must be job-specific and intended to help employees perform

their duties well. The required annual training hours vary according to the employee's role in the management and operation of the school nutrition program.

The SFA provides yearly and on-going training throughout the school year. Documentation is well organized and all staff have met or are on track to meet continuing education requirements for SY 2016-2017. As discussed onsite, district bookkeeper and business manager should obtain and maintain documentation of continuing education.

As a reminder, training requirements for all staff are as follows:

Directors	Managers	Full Time Staff	Part Time Staff
		(20 hrs or more/week)	(less than 20
			hrs/week)
2015-16 SY	2015-16 SY	2015-16 SY	2015-16 SY
8 hours	6 hours	4 hours	4 hours
2016-17 SY	2016-17 SY	2016-17 SY	2016-17 SY
12 hours	10 hours	6 hours	4 hours

If hired January 1 or later, only  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the training hours are required during the first school year (SY) of employment.

#### Water

Water fountains were accessible in the cafeteria with plastic cups provided for students to use.

## **Food Safety and Storage**

#### Food Safety Inspections

The most recent food safety inspection was posted and available for review.

## Food Safety Plan and Temperature Logs

A food safety plan was available for review. Temperature logs were being maintained and signed Employee Reporting Agreements were up-to-date and available for review.

#### Storage

The on-site storage areas were reviewed, including freezers, refrigerators, dry good storage rooms and other areas. Storage rooms and freezers were orderly and clean.

# **Buy American**

The USDA requires that a SFA purchase, to the maximum extent practicable, domestic commodities or products. Using food products from local sources supports small local farmers and provides healthy choices for children in school meal programs as well as supports the local economy. The Buy American provision is required whether food products are purchased by SFAs or entities that are purchasing on their behalf. The Buy American provision should be included in solicitations, contracts, and product specifications.

There are limited exceptions to the Buy American provision which allow for the purchase of products not meeting the "domestic" standard as described above ("non-domestic") in circumstances when use of domestic products is truly not practicable. Refer to SP 24-2016 for more information on the Buy American provision and limited exceptions.

SFAs must monitor contractor performance to ensure contractors perform in accordance with the terms, conditions, and specifications of their contracts or purchase orders. This is accomplished by ensuring the product label designates the United States, or its territories, as the country of origin. Therefore, SFAs must ensure that products delivered comply with any Buy American contract provisions by reviewing products and/or delivery invoices/receipts to identify the country of origin is the United States or its territories. SFAs also need to conduct a periodic review of storage facilities, freezers, refrigerators, dry storage, and warehouses to ensure products comply with the Buy American provision, unless a limited exception has been approved.

The following item were found to be non-compliant during the on-site review:

- Fresh Bananas Honduras
- Pineapple Tidbits Indonesia
- Mandarin Oranges China
- Frozen Broccoli Florets Mexico

The SFA should work with its distributor to see if this product are available domestically. If not, documentation requested in the <u>Non-compliant Product List</u> should be obtained. Please note, the use of this form is the exception, not the rule. More information on this new requirement can be found on the <u>DPI SNT Procurement webpage</u>. The SFA is encouraged to ask questions on this regulation during their Procurement Review.

#### Reporting and Recordkeeping

Thank you for completing the required USDA and DPI reports and maintaining the paperwork in an organized manner. The SFA is meeting record retention requirements for USDA Child Nutrition Programs.

#### **Smart Snacks in Schools**

Smart Snack regulations went into effect on July 1, 2014 apply to all food and beverage items sold to students during the school day, with the school day being designated as midnight the night before until 30 minutes after the end of the school day. This includes foods sold through fundraisers with intended consumption during the school day (i.e. frozen pizza fundraisers would not be included as consumption is intended outside of the school day).

Since Smart Snack regulations apply to the entire school, it is important that all involved with the sale of food and beverage items, not just the food service department, be involved in monitoring and complying with the regulations. Involvement of school administration is highly recommended and encouraged. It is important to remember that the goal of Smart Snacks is not to regulate what student can and can't have but is in place to build healthy school environments and teach valuable life nutrition skills to all students.

The DPI SNT has developed several resources to assist schools and districts in meeting these regulations including a <u>Compliant Fundraiser Tracking Tool</u>, an <u>Exempt Fundraiser Tracking Tool</u>, a <u>Smart Snacks Tracking Tool</u>, a <u>Smart Snacks in a Nutshell handout</u>, and a <u>Smart Snacks – Strategies</u> for Success handout.

Please visit the DPI SNT Smart Snacks website for more information.

Discussions of smart snacks prior to and onsite warranted observation of nonprogram food sales at the High School. It was found that food items in the vending machines at the High School did not meet Smart Snacks standards. Discussed with principle on Smart Snacks regulations. Please see the *Finding* and *Corrective Action* below for this issue.

<u>Finding #4</u>: '2<sup>nd</sup> price meals' or complete second meals are no longer allowed to be sold under Smart Snack regulations.

<u>Corrective Action Required</u>: Please provide a summary of how the SFA has addressed this finding. Please include a summary of how students and staff are informed and trained on the disallowance of complete second meals.

<u>Finding #5</u>: The High School was found to be have noncompliant food items in the vending machines.

<u>Corrective Action Required</u>: Please submit a statement on who will be responsible for the vending machines and how to be Smart Snack compliant moving forward.

# **Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Outreach**

As part of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), it is requirement to complete SFSP outreach. The purpose is to inform students and families of the free feeding site(s) they may have access to in the summer while school is out of session. Options for outreach include informing families via email and/or newsletter about the availability of free summer meals via the Summer Meals Map, the option to call 2-1-1 to connect with local health and humans services, the option to text 'food' to 877-877, and/or posting free SFSP posters in the SFA. For more information on Summer Food Service Program, please contact:

Summer Food Service Program Coordinator

Phone: 608.266.7124

E-mail: amy.kolano@dpi.wi.gov

Dr. Tony Evers, State Superintendent of Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, shares a vision that every student will graduate prepared for college and career in an initiative called "Agenda 2017". His goals are for students to have the knowledge, skills, and habits that will allow them to succeed in life after high school. Access to quality nutrition plays a major role in developing those life-long habits.

The School Nutrition Team believes that what school nutrition programs do every day plays a very important part in the success of every child being able to graduate. We all know that well-nourished children are ready to learn. Thank you for all you do to ensure your students' success.

For more information on this initiative, please visit the Wisconsin DPI Every Child a Graduate webpage dpi.wi.gov/statesupt/agenda-2017.

